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E. O. 11652: XGDS-1 & 4  
TAGS: SHUM  
SUBJ: IMPRISONMENT OF DR. HANNA IBRAHIM MIKHAIL

REF: DAMASCUS 1918

1. ICRC REP TOLD POLOFF APRIL 25 THAT PRESIDENT ICRC WOULD BE SENDING LETTER TO PRESIDENT UL-ASSAD REGARDING CASE OF DR. HANNA MIKHAIL. ICRC REP ASKED THAT WE MAKE COLLATERAL APPROACH AFTER REPEAT AFTER ICRC PRESIDENT'S LETTER IS DELIVERED IN ABOUT FOUR WEEKS. MIKHAIL'S WIFE HAS ASKED HER US CITIZEN SISTER TO RAISE CASE THROUGH HER CONGRESSMAN.

2. BIO OF MIKHAIL AS PROVIDED BY ICRC REP FOLLOWS:  
NAME: HANNA IBRAHIM MIKHAIL; BIRTHC RAMALLAH, PALESTINE 1935. GRADUATED FROM THE FRIENDS SCHOOL IN RAMALLAH AND LEDT TO USA IN 1952. GRADUATED FROM HARVARD UNIV. WHERE HE RECEIVED PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. TAUGHT AT PRINCETON. ALSO TAUGHT AT UNIV. OF WASHINGTON/SEATTLE 1967-1969. HAS HAD US RESIDENCE CARD. HAS TWO SISTERS IN US WHO ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS. MIKHAIL IS MEMBER OF ROUSSEL INTERNATIONAL TRUBUNE FOR PEACE AS WELL AS OF PALESTINIAN UNION OF WRITERS. FORMERLY WORKED AT PALESTINE RESEARCH  
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